

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A receiving apparatus for receiving a broadcast transmission comprising:

a signal-processing unit for carrying out processing the received signal at a plurality of stages in a predetermined order;

a judgment device for determining whether or not it is normal to process the signal in at least one of the stages ~~by the signal-processing unit~~; and

a control device for controlling ~~cutting~~ a power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on each stage, only when the judgment device determined that an immediately-prior stage is normally carried out for later stages after a non-normal operation stage when the judgment device determines it is not normal for at least one of the stages to process the signal.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the judgment device further comprising a memory device for storing judgment criteria; and wherein

the judgment device determines whether or not the signal processing is ~~possible~~ normal

based on the judgment criteria stored in the memory device.

4. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the receiving apparatus further comprising a criteria-change device for changing the judgment criteria based on data contained in the received signal.

5-14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A receiving method of receiving a broadcast transmission comprising:

a signal-processing process of processing the received signal at a plurality of stages in a predetermined order;

a judgment step ~~process~~ of determining whether or not it is normal ~~possible~~ to process the signal in at least one of the stages ~~by the signal-processing process~~; and

a control ~~step process of controlling~~ cutting a power supply necessary for activating each of the stages, only when the judgment step determined that an immediately-prior stage is normally carried out for later stages after a non-normal operation stage when the judgment process determines it is not normal for at least one of the stages to process the signal.

16. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein: one of the stages is executed by ~~comprises~~ a tuner that amplifies a signal received by an antenna,

the judgment device determines whether or not it is normal to process the signal at the tuner based on the receiving power of the tuner, and

the control device controls ~~cuts~~ the power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on later stages after the tuner stage, only when the judgment device determined that the tuner stage is normally carried out for later stages after the tuner stage when the judgment device determines it is not normal for the tuner to process the signal.

17. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one of the stages is executed by ~~comprises~~ a demodulation unit that demodulates a signal received by the demodulation unit,

the judgment device determines whether or not it is normal to process the signal at the demodulation unit based on whether or not synchronization is obtained during demodulation, and

the control device controls ~~cuts~~ the power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on later stages after the demodulation unit stage, only when the judgment device determined that the demodulation unit stage is normally carried out for later stages after the demodulation unit stage when the judgment device determines it is not normal for the demodulation unit to process the signal.

18. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one of the stages is executed by ~~comprises~~ an error-correction unit for removing code error,

the judgment device determines whether or not it is normal to process the signal at the error-correction unit based on a bit-error rate during error correction, and

the control device controls ~~cuts~~ the power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on later stages after the demodulation unit stage, only when the judgment device determined that the demodulation unit stage is normally carried out for later ~~stages after the demodulation unit stage when the judgment device determines it is not normal for the demodulation unit to process the signal.~~

19. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one of the stages is executed by ~~comprises~~ a decoding unit for returning the encoded data source to the original data,

the judgment device determines whether or not it is normal to process the signal at the decoding unit based on a bit-error rate during decoding, and

the control device controls ~~cuts~~ the power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on later stages after the demodulation unit stage, only when the judgment device determined that the demodulation unit stage is normally carried out for later ~~stages after the demodulation unit stage when the judgment device determines it is not normal for the demodulation unit to process the signal.~~

20. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the judgment device further comprising a memory device for storing judgment criteria; and wherein

the judgment device determines whether or not the signal processing is possible based on the judgment criteria stored in the memory device.

21. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the judgment device further comprising a memory device for storing judgment criteria; and wherein

the judgment device determines whether or not the signal processing is possible based on the judgment criteria stored in the memory device.

22. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the judgment device further comprising a memory device for storing judgment criteria; and wherein

the judgment device determines whether or not the signal processing is possible based on the judgment criteria stored in the memory device.

23. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the receiving apparatus further comprising a criteria-change device for changing the judgment criteria based on data contained in the received signal.

24. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the receiving apparatus further comprising a criteria-change device for changing the judgment criteria based on data contained in the received signal.

25. (previously presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the receiving apparatus further comprising a criteria-change device for changing the judgment criteria based on data contained in the received signal.

26. (currently amended): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein unnecessary operation of the receiving apparatus is eliminated and power consumption is reduced by controlling cutting the power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, on each stage, only when the judgment device determined that an immediately-prior stage is normally carried out cutting the power supply for the later stages after the non-normal operation stage.

27. (currently amended): The receiving method according to claim 15, wherein unnecessary operation is eliminated and power consumption is reduced by controlling cutting the power supply necessary for activating each of the stages, only when the judgment step determined that an immediately-prior stage is normally carried out cutting the power supply for the later stages after the non-normal operation stage.